

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 18, please replace paragraph [0045] with the following paragraph:

Table 3 summarizes the distribution of number of genotypes in this patient cohort. Of the 711 Chinese ~~Type~~ Type 2 diabetic patients, 64 (9.0%) had 0 or 1 risk genotype, 176 (24.8%) had 2 risk genotypes, 290 (40.8%) had 3 risk genotypes and 181 (25.5%) had 4 or 5 risk genotypes. Compared to patients with ≤ 1 risk genotype, the odds ratio of having nephropathy increased from 1.4 (95% CI 0.8-2.4, $P=0.3$) to 1.8 (95% CI 1.1-1.3, $P=0.03$) and to 2.0 (95% CI 1.1-3.6, $P=0.02$) in patients with 2, 3 and ≥ 4 risk genotypes, respectively ($P=0.006$ for trend) (FIG. 1).